

EARTH TREMBLED,
HOUSES SHOOK,
CHIMNEYS FELL

Two Immense Powder Magazines at Union Metallic Cartridge Co. Plant Near Bridgeport, Conn., Blew Up This Morning.

CAUSING CONSTERNATION
FOR MILES AROUND

In Bridgeport People, Shaken From Bed, Thought There Had Been An Earthquake. Persons Knocked Down In New Haven.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 14.—Two powder magazines of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company exploded this morning, causing consternation here and in surrounding towns and cities. The damage is considerable.

No loss of life is reported here and no one was seriously hurt. There were eight magazines in the plant, which covers four or five acres. Two of them exploded. Late reports indicate that the explosion was heard and felt 50 miles away, many Long Island towns being affected.

The two monster magazines exploded at 4:25, shaking all Bridgeport and the country many miles around. People were shaken from their beds by the impact.

The magazines are located at Strawberry hill, four miles from this city, and all that remains of them is a great hole in the ground. An alshouse near Strawberry hill was badly shaken by the explosion. The chimneys toppled and falling plaster injured some of the inmates.

The explosion was followed by rumbling and shaking and every one in the city supposed an earthquake had shaken the town. In the east end of the city almost all the chimneys were thrown down and nearly all the plate glass in the windows of business houses was broken. Many windows in east end houses were also smashed. A huge stone near the magazines, weighing several tons, was lifted bodily into the air and landed in the isolation hospital connected with the alshouse. This building was demolished. People rushed into streets all over the city, supposing an earthquake was shaking the city.

In New Haven, some persons were knocked down on the streets by the violence of the shock and the earth trembling. In Milford a railroad employee dropped dead from heart disease brought on by fear as a result of the shock. Much damage was done to many churches by the breaking of windows. In St. Luke's Episcopal church a huge memorial window, given by Z. Y. Beach, was demolished. Other churches also suffered. Business throughout the city was practically suspended this morning, owing to the excitement caused by the explosion.

Reports from New London say that the shock was felt there.

SATISFACTORY NOTE RECEIVED.

By Turkish Porte to British Government.

London, May 14.—Foreign Secretary Gladstone issued a satisfactory note had been received from the Porte regarding the dispute with Turkey over the evacuation of a portion of Egyptian territory, and that there was every reason to hope that a complete satisfactory settlement would be reached.

Boy Poisoned by Soda Water.

Geneva, N. Y., May 13.—Jay McGrain, the 13-year-old son of City Treasurer John McGrain, died yesterday as the result of poisoning. The poison is supposed to have been contained in a soda water preparation which the lad purchased Saturday morning.

Old Woman Found Drowned.

Ballston, N. Y., May 14.—Mrs. Lavina Nelson, who was nearly 100 years old, was found drowned yesterday in the creek in the rear of her home. The aged woman lived alone. The police have instituted an inquiry.

GROTON.

Last Saturday Mrs. Percy A. Lund became lost in the woods near Levi pond. She had occasion to go into the woods shortly after noon to see her husband, who works for the Webber lumber company. On making her way out of the woods she became lost and was traveling from one place until after seven in the evening, carrying a baby in her arms and leading a three-year-old child. She traveled nearly west and came out of the woods on the shore of Groton pond, where she attracted the attention of some workmen of the Miller-Ayer Co., who went to her assistance. She was found to be nearly exhausted and her clothes were torn and wet. She was carried to and at last reports had suffered all effects from her tramp.

CARL SCHURZ DIED
EARLY THIS MORNING

Has Been Prominent American Ever Since His Exile From Germany in 1848 Because of Revolutionary Participation.

New York, May 14.—Carl Schurz died at 4:30 this morning. He became unconscious at two o'clock and did not revive, passing away as though asleep. The funeral will probably be held Thursday.

Mr. Schurz has been active in the political affairs of this country since he came here in 1848 as an exile from Germany because of his participation in the revolutionary uprising there. He was born near Cologne, was graduated from the university of Bonn, and became editor of a liberal newspaper.

On coming to this country, Mr. Schurz settled in St. Louis. He was prominent in the Republican convention in 1860 that nominated Abraham Lincoln, and was appointed minister to Spain in 1861. A few months later he resigned to serve in the Civil War, and fought with distinction. He commanded the eleventh army corps at the battle of Chattanooga.

After the war he served as a United States senator from Missouri. In 1872 he left the Republicans, owing to President Grant's policy, and presided at the convention that nominated Horace Greeley. In 1875 he removed to this city. President Hayes made him secretary of the interior in 1877. In 1884 he espoused Grover Cleveland's cause against James G. Blaine.

HANGING TO TREE.

Milford, Mass. Granite Cutter Found Yesterday.

Milford, Mass., May 14.—The body of Giuseppe Fornai, the missing granite cutter, was found about 4:30 yesterday afternoon hanging to a pine tree on the steep face of Bragville Mountain, about four miles from Milford Center.

The discovery was made by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Catallo of 74 Beaver st., who were out walking, and chanced to go on a wood road that leaves the cross road from Bragville depot to Medway street. Near the tree their attention was attracted by the cries and actions of a dog, and on investigating they saw the body.

MONUMENT TO GEN. COLLIS.

Erected in the Gettysburg Cemetery on Sunday.

Gettysburg, Pa., May 14.—A handsome monument erected by the survivors of his regiment and his friends in civic life was dedicated to the memory of the late Brevet Major General Chas. H. T. Collis in the national cemetery here yesterday. Among those present were 40 survivors of the 114th regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers (Col. Zouaves) and General Collis's two sons, Lloyd and Charles Collis of New York.

General Collis just previous to his death served as commissioner of public works of New York under the Strong administration.

OVER 200 FUNERALS HELD.

Striking Drivers Returned to Their Work After Winning Their Fight.

New York, May 14.—More than 200 funerals were held in Greater New York yesterday the 1,500 union funeral directors who struck last week having returned to work. An amicable adjustment of the differences between the drivers and the funeral coach owners' association was arrived at early yesterday afternoon, and was practically an all night conference between representatives of the two organizations. The drivers won their fight, securing shorter hours, a \$2 increase in weekly salary and recognition of their union.

SWEEPED OVER DAM.

Three Young Men Drowned at Turners Falls, Mass.

Turners Falls, Mass., May 14.—Three young men, Arthur Borden, Daniel Shon and Eugene Borden, all about 25 years old, were swept over the dam at Turners Falls yesterday afternoon and drowned as they were about to start out for a row in a flat-bottomed boat.

Some girls sitting nearby saw them starting off from the shore and heard their cries for help. They were caught in by the swift current and swept over the dam.

The boat was found badly broken, but no traces of the bodies could be found by the searching party.

LOSS IS \$400,000.

Six Acres of Warehouses, Etc., at Gulfport, Miss., Burned.

Gulfport, Miss., May 14.—The enormous plant of the New Orleans Naval Store company and S. Shotter & Co. were totally destroyed by fire yesterday, six acres occupied by the rosin yards, warehouses, commissary and storage rooms being entirely swept away by the flames. The fire is supposed to have originated in loose hay in the commissary. The loss was about \$400,000, with \$100,000 insurances.

Sen. Heyburn Very Ill.

Washington, May 14.—Senator Heyburn of Idaho, who is very ill here as the result of a recurrence of catarrhal appendicitis, was reported better last night. He spent a fairly comfortable day and his physician stated last evening that his temperature is normal.

Found 280 Bombs.

This, May 14.—The police here yesterday discovered an underground store house containing 280 loaded bombs.

WAS STABBED
IN THE BACK

Admiral Konsmitzh Assassinated Today

AT ADMIRALTY WORKS

He Was Commander of the Port at St. Petersburg and Was Unpopular With Workmen, by One of Whom He Was Killed.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—Admiral Konsmitzh was assassinated today.

Admiral Konsmitzh was commander of the port and unpopular with the workmen. He was stabbed in the back by a workman at the admiralty works. St. Petersburg, May 14.—This is the Russian May day. A large number of workmen went out on strike today. Work is at a standstill in all factories. Troops have been stationed at all strategic points to prevent the strike from entering the city.

FR. GAPON'S BODY
HAS BEEN FOUND

Identification of the Body Found Hanging in a Lonely Chamber Near Ozerki, Finland, Is Nearly Complete.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—The mysterious fate of Father Gapon apparently was cleared up yesterday by the discovery of a corpse, which has almost positively been identified as that of the former priest, hanging in the upper chamber of a lonely villa in the summer suburb of Ozerki, Finland. The villa was rented April 4 for the summer and a deposit paid by an unknown man from St. Petersburg, who after visiting the house several times in company with a young workman, disappeared April 11, taking the key with him.

The proprietress of the villa, alarmed at the non-appearance of the tenant, notified the police, who entered the house. Breaking down a door, they were confronted by a body in a long coat hanging from a nail, the feet touching the floor. Decomposition of the face made positive identification difficult, but the features resembled those of Gapon and the clothing corresponded with that worn by the missing labor leader. As the usual symptoms of strangulation were absent, it is conjectured that the man was killed elsewhere and his body brought to the villa on the night of April 10. This would agree with the date of the execution of Gapon given in information of the secret police and with the death sense of the former priest as announced in recent despatches from Berlin.

FOR PUBLIC MORALS.

Morrisville Village Meeting Takes Action.

Morrisville, May 14.—At a special village meeting held here Saturday evening, articles relative to the following were adopted and submitted by the trustees: Providing that the trustees shall license for one year with or without fee, in their discretion, all public pool and billiard rooms, cafes and lunch rooms, under such regulations as the trustees shall provide. If any person shall keep or maintain such a place without a license or violate any terms of license granted, he shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each violation.

Another article adopted was one providing that no person shall sell, or show, injurious literature within the village limits, and there shall be a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 for each offense.

This action is the result of recent troubles here, implicating several young men and boys.

COL. JOYCE TO SPEAK.

Will Deliver Memorial Day Address in Montpelier.

Montpelier, May 14.—Arrangements are practically completed for the observance of Memorial day in this city. On Sunday morning, May 20, the members of Brooks post, G. A. R., and Brooks Relief Corps, will attend divine service in a body at Trinity Methodist church, where a sermon appropriate to the occasion will be preached by the Rev. W. B. Dekshin, the pastor. Preceding the service, the public schools as provided by law.

The usual parade will be held on the morning of Memorial day, and in this parade, which will be headed by the Montpelier military band, the various civic and military organizations of the city will participate. Following the parade the creation of the day will be delivered at the opera house by Col. J. H. Joyce of Rutland. In the afternoon details from Brooks post will decorate the graves of the comrades in this city and Berlin, and in the cemetery in East Montpelier.

HOTEL BURNS; LOSS \$75,000.

Worst Fire That Sharon, Mass., Ever Had.

Sharon, Mass., May 14.—In the worst fire which ever visited this town Sunday morning the Massapoia lake hotel, the home, barn and tannery of Mrs. Frank P. Eberly of Milton and a large barn on the estate of Mrs. Henry C. Richards of Boston were totally destroyed. The house owned by Mrs. Richards, known as the Barney Cagen place, was badly damaged, thus house of Frank Peterson slightly burned and more than 500 acres of woodland devastated. All the buildings were located in South Sharon, about two miles from this city. The claim has been received paid by telephone without waiting for proofs of death.

TROUBLOUS TIMES
FOR PROPHET DOWIE

His Meeting Yesterday Afternoon Broken Up by Followers of Voliva.

Chicago, May 14.—A meeting over which John Alexander Dowie presided at Zion City yesterday afternoon was broken up by a number of followers of William Glenn Voliva, assisted by several outsiders and before the crowd dispersed a general fight ensued.

Dowie was addressing an audience of six hundred persons and made the statement that the overcoats of the Voliva faction were thieves and robbers. At once a number of those in the audience were their faces shouting "No, no, you are the robbers, why don't you pay your debts?"

The disturbance became so violent that a Zion guard was sent to restore order. The guard took hold of an old man who was loudest in his demands for Dowie to pay his obligations and this was a signal for a fight.

A dozen men seized the guard, and were about to drag him down the aisle, when Gladstone Dowie and Deacon Arrington mounted the platform, and called on the audience to take their seats. After quiet had been restored Dowie again addressed the audience, but was jeered and called traitor and robber until he finally decided to dismiss the audience.

A riot call was sent to the police station and Captain of Police Walker with four men hurried to the tabernacle in a wagon. By the time the police arrived most of the audience had left the platform. No attempt at violence, however, was made against Dowie.

Dowie was so weak that he had to be carried from the carriage into the tabernacle by two attendants. It was announced at Shiloh house last night, however, that he had eaten a hearty dinner and that he felt no ill effects from the excitement of the afternoon.

TWO BROTHERS NOW ARRESTED.

Nelson and Zephyr Trembly of Middlebury Both in Jail.

Middlebury, May 14.—Nelson Trembly, who was arrested by Sheriff W. H. Cobb, based on information procured from different parties tending to implicate him in the stealing of the horse owned by John Brown was before Judge Poole Saturday. Over 50 witnesses were examined. Late in the evening the court came to the decision to put him under \$500 bonds and to let him go on his own responsibility.

During this time a warrant was issued for Zephyr Trembly, brother of Nelson. Trembly, who is thought to be implicated in the same matter, the hearing of his case will be held some time this week, the time not being set. W. H. Cobb served the papers on him and he is now confined at the county jail.

DAMAGE BY HIGH WATER.

Stowe's Mountain Snow Melted and Water Runs Wild.

Stowe, May 14.—The heavy rains of Saturday night and Sunday morning together with melting snow on the mountain, caused the West Branch to rise very rapidly. The meadows about the village have been flooded and near the Wade place a large piece of the highway was carried away. The breakers recently constructed by the Stowe men held but the damage was done above that point and a sluiceway washed out by a brook crossing the road near that point.

FIVE EARTHQUAKES.

Shook Island of Guernsey This Afternoon.

London, May 14.—Five mild earthquakes were felt in the island of Guernsey this afternoon.

Y. M. C. U. Disbands.

Rutland, May 14.—The Young Men's Catholic Union, the oldest Catholic organization in this city, was disbanded yesterday, after 16 years of existence. Financial difficulties and a dropping off in membership are the reasons given for the action of the members yesterday.

May Play No More Games.

Bethel, May 14.—Whitehall high school defeated Northfield high in an interesting baseball game at Bethel Saturday afternoon, by a score of 10 to 7. The local team has no grounds in sight for the rest of the season and possibly no more games will be played.

Of Interest to Metropolitan Life Policy Holders.

On Friday noon, April 20, while the fire in San Francisco was still burning, the Metropolitan hung out its sign in a new office in the Jefferson Square building, 325 Golden Gate avenue. It was the first office established on the fire line. Announcement was made in all the papers that a messenger was sent to Los Angeles with a draft on New York for money so that the head office could start paying claims at once. Today the office is organized and making a systematic search for claims and policyholders. Two carloads left by express from New York on April 25 full of supplies, and another half carload left on the 26th. The Metropolitan manager reports that sanitary conditions are splendid, and that the situation has been admirably handled from the start by the civil and military authorities.

The Metropolitan gave the Metropolitan manager special privilege to issue passes to all of his men through all of the lines in the name of the mayor. All of the men have been located as well as all of the food office force and many are at the office working. They have secured fifteen typewriting machines pending the arrival of the carloads of supplies from New York. The Metropolitan had a policy of \$3,000 on the life of Mr. Tilden, who was shot by a patrol in his automobile while he was on a tour of duty with the Red Cross flag. The claim has been received paid by telephone without waiting for proofs of death.

SHUTS OUT
MANY VOTERS

Petition For Use of Caucus Check Lists Filed Today

AFFECTS ALL PARTIES

Attorney General Fitts Says That Those Who Have Not Signed Party Slips Can Do So Today and Tomorrow.

There was filed in the city clerk's office at 11 o'clock today a petition, signed by five per cent (and a few over) of the total vote cast in Barre for governor in 1904, for the use of check lists in the various caucuses of the present year. This means that only those who have filed out and signed the party affiliation slip in their tax inventories will be permitted to participate in the various party caucuses to elect delegates to state, county and district conventions and to nominate city representatives.

According to the interpretation of the new caucus law by Attorney General Fitts, those who have failed to sign the affiliation slip can do so today and tomorrow by asking the assessors for their inventories. No one whose name is not on the affiliation slips will be eligible to vote in the caucuses. So those who desire to vote and have not signed the slips have today and tomorrow to do it.

The intricacies of the new caucus law which went into effect in Vermont this year have caused much confusion, and particularly so in Barre, when the intention to file a petition for the use of a check list became known. The paucity of the number of voters eligible to participate in the Barre caucuses through failure to make written statement of party affiliation when the inventories were filled out, lead to several questions, chief of which was whether the party slip could be signed after the inventories had been handed to the assessors. Attorney General Fitts was appealed to and he declares that voters have a right to demand their inventories back again and to sign the party slip, up to and including May 15.

Three other questions were answered by Attorney General Fitts in a letter to Secretary of State Fleetwood: (1) That the board of civil authority cannot insert in the check list the name of any voter who has not filed his party intention. (2) All political parties must use a check list when five per cent of the voters petition for it, regardless of the political affiliation of the signers of the petition. (3) Unless the check list is petitioned for the caucuses are a law unto themselves and can decide concerning their own conduct.

The letter of Attorney General Fitts is as follows: "You ask my opinion upon several questions relative to the caucus law, act No. 2 of the acts of 1904, and I will undertake to answer them the best I can, in order."

Caucuses Law Unto Themselves. "If there is no written request filed, as specified in Sec. 3 of the act, can a voter who has not filed his certificate of intention, as required by Sec. 5 of the act, vote in any caucuses to elect delegates to conventions to nominate state and county officers, representative in Congress and in caucuses to nominate town representatives?"

"Sec. 3 of the act provides, among other things, that 'a person who fails to return a certificate shall not be eligible to vote in any caucuses mentioned in Sec. 5.' Sec. 12 (referring to the caucus petition) filed, which is made by the act, in Sec. 11 (intending) says: 'Such list shall, when completed, be the caucus check list for the year in which it is prepared, and no person whose name does not appear thereon shall be allowed to vote in any caucuses mentioned in Sec. 5.'"

"Sec. 17 of the act provides that no person shall vote or attempt to vote in any caucuses mentioned in Sec. 2, other than the caucus of the party upon whose check list his name appears, and Sec. 10 imposes a penalty for violation of the provisions of Sec. 17. There is no provision in the act for the preparation of a check list unless a request therefor in writing, signed by a sufficient number of qualified persons, is filed on or before May 15th, so unless such written request is filed there can be no check list upon which the name of any voter appears, therefore, there cannot strictly be any violation of Sec. 17, and, of course, no penalty under Sec. 19."

"Whether the action of such caucuses, if controlled by the vote of persons who have not filed certificates, would be legal, is a more difficult question. It is the duty of the several clerks with whom the certificates of nomination are to be filed, to accept and file the certificates which are in apparent conformity with the law, unless objection is made, as provided in Sec. 93, V. S. A. In case of such objection, hearing is to be had, first with the filing officer, and then to the judges of the court of competent jurisdiction. It is not clear how the officers of any caucuses are to determine whether a voter has filed a certificate of intention, unless a check list is used as the act provides."

"My opinion that the intent of the law is that unless the machinery for the operation of the law is set in motion by filing written requests for the use of a check list, on or before May 15th, the caucuses are a law unto themselves in the matter of the qualification of voters, thereby, as formerly."

Veterans Must Sign Party Slip.

"If a written request for the use of caucus check list is filed on or before May 15th, can the board of civil authority, in reviewing the check list, consider any other names than those of voters?"

PROMINENT METHODIST
CLERGYMAN DEAD

Rev. J. O. Sherburne Died at Bradford Yesterday Morning After a Long Illness.

The Rev. J. O. Sherburne, nephew of the late Rev. J. A. Sherburne of this city and one of the best-known Methodist preachers of the state, died Sunday morning at his home in Bradford after a long illness with heart disease.

Mr. Sherburne was born in Plainfield, this state, 50 years ago last November. He attended Newbury seminary and was a member of the first class to graduate from Montpelier seminary, viz. that of 1899. He attended Wesleyan university, from which institution he was graduated in 1873. He held several charges among the Methodist churches of this vicinity. While at Rochester as pastor, he represented the town in the state legislature. In 1886 he filled out the uncompleted term of a deceased preceding elder of the Montpelier district. He was twice one of the representatives of the Vermont district at the general conference. In 1899 he was made presiding elder of the St. Johnsbury district and held that office until 1895.

Last year he was forced to give up his pastorate at the Bradford Methodist church owing to a long illness following a broken hip. He has not been in good health since that time. Mr. Sherburne was one of the most able Methodist preachers in the state, as well as one of the best writers of any denomination. He has four sons, of whom the third, a graduate from Wesleyan university next month, the fourth is to graduate from St. Johnsbury high school in a few weeks and the two elder ones are in business.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

DEATH BY PNEUMONIA.

Harry L. Andrews of Berlin Died Saturday Night, Aged 30 Years.

Harry L. Andrews, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Andrews of Berlin, died Saturday night at five o'clock after an illness of ten days with pneumonia. The funeral will be held this afternoon at four o'clock, and the interment will be in the Berlin cemetery. The deceased was a well-known young man. He was 30 years of age and was besides his parents a brother, Homer, who was called home from New Jersey last Thursday, and a sister, Lena, who lives at home. For a time the young man worked in Montpelier, being employed by Bailey & Taft.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

S. D. Allen went to Bethel this morning on business.

W. M. Holden went to Northfield this afternoon on business.

Minnehaha Encampment, No. 2, regular meeting this evening at 7:30.

Conrad Norton and wife went to Boston Saturday night on a visit.

Henry C. Whitaker returned last night from a week's business trip to Boston.

George Gorman went to his home in Bellows Falls Saturday night for a short visit.

Come to the meekie social tomorrow evening in the Scampini block and have a good time.

Miss Frances E. Humphrey left this noon for New York, where she will visit relatives.

E. M. Tynor went to Hardwick today on a business trip. He will return Thursday.

Wait and buy your wood of the darkey wood dealer tomorrow evening at the meekie social.

Don't forget the social in Scampini block tomorrow evening. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hutchinson went to Randolph Sunday for a visit at the home of Mr. Hutchinson's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoughton and two children of Springfield, Mass., are visiting at Mr. Stoughton's home in this city.

Robert Martin, a cigarmaker of Boston, and Harry Page, who has been working in Montpelier, began work today in the Marston store.

Mrs. Nellie Martin of Williamstown has sold the Fogg place, so-called, to Norman Morrison of Granville for \$700. The sale was consummated through the D. A. Ferry real estate agency.

The D. A. Ferry real estate agency has sold for George Reed his home at 44 Academy street to Helen Clark and wife of Richardson street, who will move into the home to live. Consideration was \$1,000.

Sample Sale. On account of the rain Saturday, the samples which the ladies of the Civic Federation have been selling at the gas office were not sold. The sale will continue this evening. Please call and aid and support the Federation by so doing.

In bankruptcy court Saturday the account of A. A. Sargent, trustee for the bankrupt Barre Telephone company, was allowed and the trustee was discharged. The liabilities of the company were about \$4,000, with no assets. The first meeting of the creditors of Frank McNally was held and J. H. Lucia was appointed trustee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tabor returned Saturday night from Cape Verde island, Brava, where they have been for seven months. They had a pleasant winter and enjoyed good health. Mr. Tabor being greatly improved. They expect to live in Barre. Mr. Tabor brought two goats with them, one weighing 150 pounds, being broken to the saddle.

Miss May Hammond Spear Dead.

Bradford, May 14.—Miss May Hammond Spear, aged 21 years, died of heart disease yesterday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Spear of Washington street. She had been ill since January. She was a graduate of the Bradford high school, class of 1901, and was an officer in the University Baptist Sunday school, an accomplished pianist and a popular young woman. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock Tuesday.

NEW CAPITAL
IN GAS PLANT

Springfield, Vermont, and Boston Men Buy Control

AND PLAN EXPANSION

They Propose to Manufacture Standard Gas and Will Expend \$20,000 in Preparation For It.

The People's Heating, Lighting and Power company, which furnishes gas for Barre, has been reorganized through the sale of interests of Burlington and local parties to Springfield, Vt., and Boston parties Saturday afternoon. Those who dispose of their interests are John J. Flynn and A. O. Humphrey of Burlington, F. G. Howland, H. K. Bush and C. N. Barber of Barre. Their interests in the corporations are taken by W. H. H. Slack, W. H. H. Putnam, H. H. Blanchard and A. W. LaFontaine of Springfield and E. R. Dawson of Boston. The only old member of the former board to remain in office is Richard A. Hour, who was asked by the new board to continue his interests.

Following the details of the transfer of stock of the corporation, the new directors met and elected the following officers: President, W. H. H. Slack; clerk, W. H. H. Putnam; treasurer, H. H. Blanchard. The vice president will be elected later. Of the new members of the directorate, Mr. Dawson is the man who was largely concerned in installing the present plant. The Springfield parties are owners of a gas plant at that place. This Springfield plant was started on the same plan as the present Barre concern and made the same kind of gas for a time. The gas not proving satisfactory, they decided to make the standard gas. Since that time the business has been very successful.

A similar change is planned in Barre. The present plant of Depot Square will be changed to allow of the manufacture of the standard power gas, and the company proposes to expend \$20,000 in improvements during the next few weeks. Specifications and plans are being prepared for the present plant. The Springfield meeting Saturday afternoon and it is the intention to proceed at once to make the proposed changes, and install the new machinery. When this is done, the company promises to sell to its patrons in Barre gas of the standard best kind.

The new directors, who were in town for the reorganization, returned to their homes Saturday night. Treasurer Blanchard expects to return to Barre soon to assume a temporary position as managing director. Superintendent G. H. Anker will retain his former position for the present at least. The People's Gas company was formed under a charter from the Vermont legislature and the plant was built two years ago.

YOUNG LAD WENT
AWAY TWO WEEKS AGO

Flora Hathaway of Barre Thought Her Son Was With Her Brother, Ernest Hathaway, at North Calais.

Flora Hathaway of this city has notified Chief of Police Brown of the disappearance of her fifteen year old son, Harry, who left the home of his uncle, Ernest Hathaway, in North Calais, two weeks ago. The boy was in Barre last winter, but went to Calais to stay with his uncle in the spring. Last spring his mother wrote to the boy and received word Saturday that Harry went away nearly two weeks ago, dressed in his best clothes, and that he had not been seen since. The boy is rather slender and tall, light complexioned, light hair and blue eyes. He wore gray clothes. The boy's father lives in Calais, but his mother does not think the boy can be there.

FIRE CLAIMS PAID.

To O. J. Dodge and F. H. Rogers & Co. in Quillen Block.